Contrary to popular belief, students do not instinctively know how to navigate the abundance of information available to them through traditional and digital resources.

In fact a recent survey of first-year college students found that....

- 75% have no idea how to locate articles and resources they need for their research.
- 60% don't verify the accuracy or reliability of the information they find.
- 44% don't know how to integrate knowledge from different sources.

Well-funded school libraries, staffed by certified school library media specialists, are transforming into learning centers that equip students with the skills they need to succeed.

Well-funded school libraries

- Knowing about different resources and formats of information
- Accessing information efficiently & effectively
- Using information ethically
- Evaluating the quality of websites
- Using information technology responsibly
- Finding, evaluating, and selecting appropriate sources

At least 70% of school librarians provide information literacy instruction in relation to:
How does your school library stack up?

New Jersey Association of School Libraries (NJASL) promotes excellence in school librarianship and advocates for strong school library media programs for all students. NJASL provides school library media specialists with educational opportunities and current information aligned with state and national learning standards to ensure that all school libraries empower students, faculty, and staff to become effective and ethical users and producers of information.

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